

REAP CEP Board Minutes
July 15, 2008 Teleconference

Board Members Attending:

Vern Fish
Ross Harrison
Anita O’Gara
Linda Zaletel

CEP Monitor Attending:

Susan Salterberg

Others Attending:

No others in attendance

- 1) Ross Harrison volunteered to chair this meeting. Susan Salterberg volunteered to take minutes.
- 2) The Board discussed possible speakers for the December 5, 2008 CEP Review of Proposals meeting. It was decided that Linda Zaletel would ask a representative from Iowa Public Television to speak. The goal is for IPTV representatives to present information about opportunities for environmental educators to use their program with the Iowa Communications Network. The CEP-funded KinderNature has used this service.
- 3) The Board discussed ways to ensure that future Board transitions are smooth. The board members are appointed by their agencies. As members become unable to continue their service, it would be best if the agencies had identified people willing and able to serve in the future. The Board expressed agreement that each member create a succession plan with the organization they represent. It was suggested that potential new members of the board attend one or more REAP CEP meetings to become familiar with the process.
- 4) The Board discussed the fact that REAP CEP funding has not increased, in spite of increases in appropriations over the last few years for REAP as a whole. Several Board members expressed that now is a time to investigate more funds for CEP. This view is in part because of future shifts in the make-up of the Board, as well as members’ views that funding runs out when good applications remain unfunded.

Vern Fish indicated his view that EE (environmental education) needs an advocate for EE on the Sustainable Funding Board. Ross Harrison suggested IAN and ICEC get EE representatives on that Board.

Anita O’Gara mentioned that the Iowa Conservation Education Council is considering hosting another Governor’s Conference in the Fall of 2009. The Board agreed that Anita ask ICEC if they would consider hosting a conference with a goal to “guide and encourage more funding for EE.”

Teleconference ended.